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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 December 1991

SECURITY COUNCIL

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-sixth session

10 a.m. — 61st PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa [37]:
   - (a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/46/22);
   - (b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa (A/46/44);
   - (c) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/46/499, A/46/507, A/46/648);
   - (d) Report of the Special Political Committee (A/46/643);
   - (e) Draft resolution (A/46/L.31).
2. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [102]:
   - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/561);
   - (b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.25).

3 p.m. — 62nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Current financial crisis of the United Nations; financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/46/600 and Add.1) [109 and 110].

2. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa [37]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/46/22);

   (b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa (A/46/44);

   (c) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/46/499, A/46/507, A/46/648);

   (d) Report of the Special Political Committee (A/46/643);

   (e) Draft resolution (A/46/L.31).

3. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [102] :

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/561);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.25).

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Open-ended ad hoc group for informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations) (A/46/568)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/46/ L.87 (item 82); A/C.2/46/L.88 and L.89 (item 77 (e)); A/C.2/46/ L.54 (item 88); A/C.2/46/L.70 and L.67 (item 82); and A/C.2/ 46/L.81 (item 77 (f))

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/46/L.8 and L.12 (item 12); A/C.2/46/L.58 (item 77 (g)); A/C.2/ 46/L.65 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/46/L.83) and L.21 (item 12); A/C.2/46/L.47 (item 82); and A/C.2/46/L.75 (item 78)

* Following the adjournment of the 55th meeting of the Second Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. *Introduction of the following draft proposals:*

   Development and international economic cooperation [77]

   (e) Environment

   Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.90

2. *Action on the following draft proposals:*

   Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/C.2/ 46/L.63)

   Development and international economic cooperation [77]

   (a) Trade and development (A/C.2/46/L.52 and L.95; A/C.2/46/L.53 and L.96; A/C.2/46/L.56; A/C.2/ 46/L.92)

(e) Environment (A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.2 and L.9

Special economic and disaster relief assistance [84]

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance (A/C.2/46/L.36/Rev.1; A/C.2/46/L.45/Rev.1; A/C.2/46/L.48/Rev.2)

3. Organization of work

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
6 p.m.- 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/46/L.77 (item 86), L.38 (item 81), L.68 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/46/L.97) (item 77 (b)), L.40 (item 80), L.31 (item 12), L.57 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/46/L.85) (item 77 (a)), L.5 (item 77), L.6 (item 81), L.23 (item 77 (h)), L.94/Rev.1 (item 84 (b))

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* Following the adjournment of the 55th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Scale of assessments)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Personnel questions)

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* Following the consideration of agenda items 109 and 110 by the General Assembly at its 62nd plenary meeting.

9 p.m.- 12 midnight	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations (agenda item to be announced)

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TRUST COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR NAMIBIA

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

OTHER MEETINGS

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP
OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

GOVERNING COUNCIL

At the request of delegations, in light of the heavy work programme of the General Assembly's Second Committee, the informal consultations of the UNDP Governing Council scheduled for *today*, 5 December 1991, at 10 a.m. have been postponed to a new date to be announced later.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1991 in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Today, 4 December, the following film will be screened:

"*Days of Rage: the Young Palestinians*". Film shown on Public Television concerning the *Intifadah*.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1991

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-sixth session

10 a.m.	63rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/46/630-S/23227);

(b) List of candidates (A/46/706-S/23243);

(c) Curricula vitae (A/46/707-S/23244).

3 p.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [29]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/577-S/23146 and Corr.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.13);
   (c) Report of the Fifth Committee*.
2. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives [31]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/46/658-S/23222 and Corr.1, A/46/713-S/23256);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.30).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [34]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/438);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.29).
4. Question of peace, stability and cooperation in South-East Asia [40].

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m. closed meeting
3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 45th meeting Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m. closed meeting
6.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m. closed meeting

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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The next meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group for informal consultations on agenda item 137 (Restructuring of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields) (A/46/578), will be held on Friday, 6 December 1991, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The SECOND COMMITTEE will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 9 December 1991, at 3 p.m. to hear an address by Dr. Sylvia Ostry, Chairman, Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, on the subject "Globalization: Opportunity or threat?", followed by a question-and-answer period. The Conference Room will be announced.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Report of the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme has been issued in document A/46/703.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general discussion on itme 94 (b) entitled "Social Development: Crime prevention and criminal justice" are kindly requested to inscribe their names with the Secretary of the Third Committee (Room S-2963A, Ext. 3-5973).

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The fourth session of the INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE will be held at United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 20 December 1991. The session will open on Monday, 9 December 1991, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room XIX. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.237/13*.

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Special Event

Mr. Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, will preside over a meeting on Friday, 6 December 1991, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, during which a painting by Robert Rauschenberg for the Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992 will be unveiled. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the meeting.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 December 1991

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-sixth session

59th plenary meeting

Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations [16]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/46/700);

(b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.26)

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the letter dated 21 November 1991 from the President of the Security Council (A/46/700) and to draft resolution A/46/L.26.

The President of the Security Council made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/46/L.26.

Following the adoption by acclamation of draft resolution A/46/L.26 (resolution 46/21), the President announced that His Excellency Mr. Boutros Boutros Ghali had been appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 1992 and ending 31 December 1996 and proceeded to the installation ceremony.

The President administered the oath of office to the Secretary-General designate.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General designate made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Ghana (on behalf of the African States); Kuwait (on behalf of the Asian States); Belarus (on behalf of the Eastern European States); Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States); the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western European and Other States); Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab States); and the United States (as Host Country).

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa [37]

(a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/46/22);

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa (A/46/44);

(c) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/46/499, A/46/507, A/46/648);

(d) Report of the Special Political Committee (A/46/643)

United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [102]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/561);

(b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.25)

The Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 37 and 102.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the President of the African National Congress made a statement.

60th plenary meeting

Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa [37]

(a) Report of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/46/22);

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa (A/46/44);

(c) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/46/499, A/46/507, A/46/648);

(d) Report of the Special Political Committee (A/46/643).

United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [102]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/46/561);

(b) Draft resolution (A/46/L.25)

The Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 37 and 102.

The representatives of India, Israel, Mauritania, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Chile, China, Viet Nam, Algeria, the USSR, Bulgaria, the Philippines, Austria, New Zealand, Lesotho, Australia, Tunisia and the United States made statements.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE — 54th meeting

Development and international economic cooperation [77]

(e) Environment

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.88

The representative of the USSR introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors.

Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.89

The representative of Jamaica introduced the draft decision on behalf of the sponsors as listed in the document as well as Cuba, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Special economic and disaster relief assistance [84]

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.94

The representative of Yemen introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [86]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77

The representative of Gabon introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Benin, Madagascar and Zaire.

Sponsorships

It was announced that Egypt had withdrawn as a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47 and that Kuwait and Malaysia had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71.

The representative of the United States announced that Cape Verde and the Philippines had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.25/Rev.1.

The representative of Yugoslavia announced that his delegation had joined as a sponsor of draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.1 and L.71.

The representatives of Cyprus and Yemen announced that their delegations had withdrawn as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47.

The representative of France announced that his delegation had joined as a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.81.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 44th meeting

Programme of work of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement regarding the progress of the Committee's work. Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the members of the European Community), the United States, Mexico, Colombia, Morocco, Australia, India, Japan, the USSR, Cuba, Cameroon, China, Sweden, Nigeria, Ireland and the United Kingdom and by the Acting Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item and heard a statement by the Chairman, who announced amendments to draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.3. Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada, India, Belgium, France and the United Kingdom. The Chairman replied to questions raised by delegations.

The Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.3, as orally amended.

The representatives of Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom spoke in explanation of position.

The Chairman declared the consideration of agenda item 104 concluded.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 [107]

Prgramme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.13 on agenda item 29 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and India. The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised by delegations.

Statements with respect to a decision to be taken by the Committee on this item were made by the representatives of Japan, Ghana, the United Kingdom, France, Uganda and Morocco. The Director of the Budget replied to questions raised by delegations.

The Chairman announced that a decision would be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Saudi Arabia) opened the meeting and made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: European Economic Community, Canada, Austria, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, New Zealand, Pakistan, India, United Kingdom, Malaysia, Bahrain, Germany, Oman, Turkey, China, Denmark, Norway, Cyprus, Republic of Korea, Egypt, France, Holy See, United States, Luxembourg, Ireland, Indonesia, Finland, Switzerland, Tunisia, Japan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Australia, Chile, Italy, Senegal and Spain.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement in the course of which he announced that the Secretary General had been notified in writing of the pledges from Colombia, Iceland and Monaco.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION — 162nd meeting

The 1991 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission was opened by its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Peter Hohenfellner (Austria). The agenda was adopted as contained in document A/CN.10/L.29.

The Commission elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Andre Erdos (Hungary) as Chairman of the Commission for the year 1992. It also elected the representatives of Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, Finland, Malaysia, Nepal, Romania, and Uruguay as Vice-Chairmen, and Mr. Bob Hiensch (Netherlands) as Rapporteur for 1992.

The Commission reviewed the following draft resolutions which had been adopted by the First Committee: A/C.1/46/L.3, A/C.1/46/L.18/Rev.1, A/C.1/46/L.23/Rev.1, A/C.1/46/L.27, A/C.1/46/L.29, which had direct relevance to the work of the Commission, and subsequently approved the provisional agenda for its 1992 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/1991/CRP.7.

With regard to organizational matters, the Commission decided to establish a committee of the whole and four working groups to deal with the four substantive agenda items. In this connection, the Commission appointed the Chairmen of the four Working Groups as follows: H.E. Mr. Carl-Magnus Hyltenius (Sweden), Working Group I; H.E. Mr. Prakash Shah (India), Working Group II; H.E. Mr. Ricardo V. Luna (Peru), Working Group III; and H.E. Mr. Kofi Nyidevu Awoonor (Ghana), Working Group IV. The Commission further decided to hold its 1992 substantive session from 20 April to 11 May 1992 and adopted its general programme of work for the session as contained in Document A/CN.10/1992/CRP.1.

During the proceedings, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and India.

The Chairman of the Commission made a concluding statement and declared the 1991 organizational session closed.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Seventeenth special session
(First part)

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1991

798th plenary meeting

Opening of the session

The President, H.E. Mr. Thomas Ogada (Kenya), opened the first part of the seventeenth special session of the Board and made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session [1(a)]

The Board adopted the provisional agenda (TD/B/1294) and agreed to revert to the organization of work after the proposed timetable had been discussed by the Bureau.

Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections [4(a)]

The Board took note that the membership of UNCTAD remained unchanged and stood at 171.

Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees [4(b)]

The Board elected Dominica to membership of the Trade and Development Board, bringing the membership of the Board to 131, and noted that, accordingly the membership of the Conference, the Board and the Main Committees was as reflected in TD/B/INF.178/Rev.2, with the addition of Dominica to the list of members of the Board.

Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board [4(c)]

The Board took note that the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) had been dissolved and had ceased its activities at the end of September 1991, and would therefore be deleted from the list of IGOs in status with UNCTAD.

Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board [4(d)]

The Board noted that no applications were before the Board at the first part of its seventeenth special session.

The Board decided that items 4 (c) and 4 (d) should be left open and taken again at the second part of the seventeenth special session, if appropriate. Up-dated lists of the intergovernmental bodies and the non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD would be issued, in due course, in TD/B/INF.106/Rev.5 and TD/B/INF.107/Rev.5, respectively.

Adoption of the report on credentials [1(b)]

The Board decided that the credentials of representatives attending the first and second parts of the seventeenth special session should be considered together at the second part of the session.

Establishment of a sessional body

The Board established an open-ended Committee of the Whole for the consideration of items 2 and 3 to meet informally under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.

Organization of the work of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [2] and

Substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference [3]

In connection with the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, the representative of the host country (Islamic Republic of Iran) made a statement introducing the "Tehran Final Documents" (TD/356).

799th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted the basic organization of work for the session (TD/B/1294/Add.2) and approved the tentative timetable in Annex II, as orally amended by the President following discussions in the Bureau.

Organization of the work of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [2] and

Substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference [3]

General statements

The Secretary General of UNCTAD addressed the Board. Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of Group B), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Economic Community and its Member States), China and Bulgaria (on behalf of Group D).

800th plenary meeting

Organization of the work of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [2] and

Substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference [3]

The Board continued its consideration of these items. Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Poland, Bulgaria and the USSR.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 1991

7th and 8th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning articles 1 to 15 (E/1990/6/Add.1).

The Committee concluded its consideration of Panama's initial reports concerning articles 6 to 9 and 13 to 15 (E/1988/5/ Add.9 and E/1984/6/Add.19) the second periodic report of Panama concerning articles 10 to 12 (E/1986/4/Add.22) and additional information submitted by Panama (E/1989/5/Add.5) submitted by Panama and of the initial report of Afghanistan concerning articles 1 to 15 (E/1990/5/Add.8).

The Committee also continued its consideration of the initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea concerning articles 13 to 15 (E/1988/5/Add.6).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the reporting States were present at the meetings, introduced the reports submitted by their governments and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee during the consideration of their respective reports.

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1991

9th and 10th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning articles 1 to 15 (E/1990/6/Add.1).

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea concerning articles 13 to 15 (E/1988/5/Ad.6)

Organization of work [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1991

11th and 12th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning articles 1 to 15 (E/1990/6/Add.1) and began its consideration of the second periodic reports of Finland and Sweden concerning articles 13 to 15 (E/1990/7/Add.1 and E/1990/&/Add.2, respectively).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the reporting States were present at the meetings, introduced the reports submitted by their governments and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1991

13th and 14th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Sweden concerning articles 13 to 15 (E/1990/7/Add.2) and began its consideration of the second periodic reports of Spain concerning articles 13 to 15 (E/1990/7/Add.3)

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the reporting States were present at the meetings, introduced the reports submitted by their governments and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Organization of work [4]

The Committee discussed the working paper prepared by Mr. Philip Alston on the question of drafting an optional protocol to the Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 20 December 1988

Ratification: Portugal (3 December 1991)*

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations, done at Rome on 26 October 1961

Ratification: Argentina (2 December 1991)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day 1991

On the occasion of the annual World AIDS Day observance, which traditionally takes place on 1 December, a panel discussion will be held at the United Nations on Thursday, 5 December 1991 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber on the subject: "The Cost of AIDS".

A panel of distinguished officials will discuss the economic, social and human cost of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The officials include: Dr. Michael H. Merson, Director of WHO's Global Programme on AIDS; Mr. Luis Maria Gomez, UNDP Associate Administrator; Dr. A. Mead Over, economist, World Bank; H.E. Mr. James Boliba Baba, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations; and Sr. Arturo Diaz Betancourt, President, Confederación Mexicana Contra el SIDA. Moderator will be Mrs. Ingar Brüggemann, Director of WHO's UN office.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the UN Coordinator for AIDS Matters, Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Under-Secretary-General, have agreed to be present. Also participating will be representatives from all UN agencies having AIDS activities.

The entire United Nations family is invited to the programme, including delegates to the General Assembly, diplomats and other mission staff, representatives of NGOs, staff of the United Nations and all agencies in New York City, journalists, students of the United Nations International School, and dependents of any of the above.

The video "Red Hot + Blue" is running continuously in the visitors' lobby throughout the week.

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